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SUBJECT: SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA CONFLICT: TANGOV CONCERN ABOUT
WESTERN POSITION

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1. DURING VISIT WITH NYERERE IN BUTIAMA 23 JANUARY, NYERERE'S PRESS SECRETARY MDEE DREW ME ASIDE AND ASKED IF I HAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND OF US AND SOME EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA CONFLICT, ABOUT WHICH NYERERE HAD EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST TO US ON 21 JANUARY (REFTEL). I REPLIED THAT I HAD NOTHING YET OTHER THAN WHAT HAD BEEN ON VOA AND HAD APPEARED IN 23 JANUARY LOCAL PRESS TO EFFECT THAT WASHINGTON MEETING PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT LASTING SOLUTION TO ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA PROBLEM REQUIRES NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN FLIGHTING AND THAT OAU EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. I ADDED THAT LOCAL PRESS REPORT ON SUBJECT INCLUDED US POSITION AGAINST ARMS FOR EITHER SIDE.

2. MDEE, WHO OCCUPIES POSITION MKAPA HAD SHORTLY BEFORE BECOMING FORNMINISTER AND WHO HAS BEEN IN BUTIAMA WITH NYERERE FOR PAST FIVE WEEKS, REPEATED NYERERE'S CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS IN HORN AND
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HIS CURIOSITY ABOUT RECENT WASHINGTON MEETING ON SUBJECT. HE SAID THEY ALL WERE WORRIED ABOUT RECENT REPORTS OF WEST GERMAN FINANCIAL AID FOR SOMALIA "THAT WILL CERTAINLY BE USED FOR WEAPONS ACQUISITION", AND HOPED THAT WAS NOT A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER ACTION BY WEST AND ITS FRIENDS. MDEE SAID TANGOV APPRECIATES USG POLICY OF HANDS OFF BOTH SIDES, ALTHOUGH THEY FEEL ONE CANNOT CRITICIZE OUTSIDE MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA AS

LONG AS ITS TERRITORY REMAINS UNDER OCCUPATION. "YOU ARE DRIVING ETHIOPIA INTO ARMS OF SOVIETS, AND WE DON'T WANT THAT EITHER," HE ADDED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED TANGOV CONCERN ABOUT SOMALIA DESIGNS ON KENYA IF UNCHECKED IN ETHIOPIA. MDEE CALLED ON US AND OTHERS WHO ATTENDED RECENT WASHINGTON MEETING TO ISSUE FORTHRIGHT PUBLIC STATEMENT NOTING THAT ETHIOPIA IS VICTIM OF AGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS--NECESSARY AS THEY ARE TO LASTING SOLUTION OF ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA DIFFERENCES-- ARE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL OCCUPATION ENDS.

3. MDEE ENDED DISCUSSION WITH REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION ON WASHINGTON MEETING OTHER THAN THAT REFERRED TO PARA 1 ABOVE. IN VIEW OF TWICE-REPEATED INTEREST BY SENIOR TANGOV OFFICIALS IN SUBJECT, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT WASHINGTON MEETING THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH SHARE WITH TANGOV BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN PRESS STATEMENTS.
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